As regards the bi-weekly dispensaries, I may inform this honourable House that it is not possible to convert them all into full time hospitals as was referred to by Mr. Raja. They are generally meant for temporary needs in places where necessary. I may also say in this connection that there is not much of demand for full time dispensaries in those places.

Regarding the posting of a lady doctor for the Haripad dispensary, I may say that it is only a small dispensary and further there is already a lady doctor at Mavelikara which is only six miles distant from Haripad. Only so much convenience is possible during these times. It is impossible to post lady doctors for all the dispensaries in the State.

Mr. K. M. Kesavan: My point is not that the dispensary is a very big one but that the place is thickly populated. There are about 2000 inhabitants in that locality and therefore considering that position, is it not essential that a lady doctor should be posted in that dispensary.

Dr. K. P. Raman Pillai: Mavelikara is very near and...

Mr. V. Sankara Menon: Am I to understand then that the whole people consists of the female population when alone there is necessity for a lady doctor?

Dr. K. P. Raman Pillai: Though it is a thickly populated place, it is not a big town from the point of view of medical importance. Apart from all these things, my submission is that Mavelikara is only 6 miles distant from Haripad and the necessity for a lady doctor can be met from that place.

Mr. T. Krishna Pillai: What are the figures of the females according to the last Census at Haripad?

Dr. K. P. Raman Pillai: I do not know the figures of the last Census in that area. Nor do I know now whether the population there are women alone. In other words I do not know whether the majority of the population in Haripad are men or women.

Mr. Puthupalli S. Krishna Pillai: I may however inform this honourable House that there is no surplus of female population in the Karthigapally taluk but that it is evently distributed as is the case in other taluks.

President: The question before the House is that Government be granted a sum of Rs. 11,25,583 under Demand XXIV—Medical.

The motion was put and carried.

The Demand was made,

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